

Prescription Pain Medication Program: Data, Research, Evaluation Work Group
Meeting Minutes, November, 2007
Location: University of Utah, Ernie Volinn's building

Present:

Ernie Volinn
Carla Cook
Erin Johnson
Art Lipman

Action Items:

Determine goals for the Work Group
Determine purpose for the Work Group
Meet again in January

Presentation:

We heard from Ernie Vollin on his studies using Geographic Variation. He also presented data from his research for Workman's Comp showing the association between being prescribed opioids and time it takes before you return to work. He has looked at cases and controls with similar amounts of back pain with one being prescribed opioids and the other not being prescribed opioids and comparing how quickly they each return to work. This work is not yet published.

Discussion:

Ernie encourages Art to publish the work that he has presented.